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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION – RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, subjecting pending Claims 1-35 to a restriction and/or election requirement, Applicants respectfully request that the following election be entered and remarks be considered.